FISCAL NOTE

HB 140 - SB 1425

February 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for certain violent offenses when two or more people act in concert. The offenses included are second degree murder, criminal attempt- first degree murder, criminal attempt-second degree murder, especially aggravated robbery, aggravated robbery, robbery, and carjacking. The bill provides that a person found guilty of acting in concert will be punished one classification higher for that offense. If the offense is a Class A felony, the presumptive sentence would be the maximum in the range.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,581,400/Incarceration*

Assumes 256 offenders will receive sentences elevated one classification higher, or to the maximum of the range if the offense is a Class A felony, for certain violent offenses when two or more people act in concert.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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